GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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CHILLI DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Vallabbhaneni Shri Balashowry

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a Chilli Development Board to assist the chilli farmers of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Ministry has set up an any Expert Committee to study the various problems being faced by the farmers cultivating chillies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c): There is no proposal to set up a Chilli Development Board by the Government as it is felt through the existing mechanism of the Central and State Governments the issues concerning chilli are being take care of. For enhancing horticulture production including chilli, two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely National Horticulture Mission and Horticulture Technology Mission for North Eastern and Himalayan States, are being implemented in the country. The mission programmes are aimed at increasing production, productivity and quality of chillies produced in the country to meet the growing demand in the domestic and export markets.

The Ministry of Agriculture is also implementing a Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agriculture and horticulture commodities which are perishable in nature and not covered under Price Support Scheme. National Agricultural Insurance Scheme has also been extended to chilli sector.

(d) No, sir.

(e) Does not arise.